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For : HORIZONTAL CONTINUOUS CASTING OF METALS

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

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S I R:

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition that the period for response to the Office Action dated August 18, 2004, in the above-identified application, be extended for **one** month. A check in payment of the requisite extension fee of **\$120** and applicants' response are submitted herewith.

If any additional extension fee is required to prevent abandonment of the application, please charge the amount of such additional fee to Cooper & Dunham LLP, Deposit Account No. 03-3125. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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